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SUBJECT: GENERAL COSTA GOMES VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE NOT
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1. CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL COSTA GOMES VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

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WAS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT IN DEFINING MORE CLEARLY JUST WHAT

NEW RULING JUNTA HAS IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE DEALINGS WITH FRELIMO. HOWEVER, COSTA GOMES DOES NOT EXACTLY EXUDE CHARISMA, AND HIS ANSWERS (REPORTED EXTENSIVELY IN REFTEL) BY NO MEANS SATISFIED EVERYONE, NOR DID THEY ALLAY THE FEARS OF MANY. LEFT WINGERS STILL DOUBT WHETHER JUNTA HAS DEMONSTRATED SUFFICIENT GOOD FAITH AND SINCERITY TO CONVINCE FRELIMO THAT MOMENT HAS COME TO NEGOTIATE. NUMBER OF LONG-TIME RESIDENTS ARE STILL CONVINCED METROPOLE WILL ULTIMATELY DESERT THEM, AND THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES EVENTUAL PIEDS NOIRS. SOME MIDDLE CLASS WHITES ARE PESSIMISTIC OVER CHANCES OF CONTINUED RACIAL HARMONY, BELIEVE BLOOD-LETTING INEVITABLE, PARTICULARLY IN CITIES, AND THAT RELATIVELY MILD BLACK-WHITE CLASH IN BEIRA LAST WEEKEND IS ONLY THE FIRST SAMPLE OF WHAT IS TO COME. ABOVE VIEWS ARE NOT EXPRESSED PUBLICLY, BUT COME OUT WITH SLIGHTEST PROBING.

2. AFRICANS HAVE THUS FAR MAINTAINED SILENCE RE VISIT.
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